

**March 26, 2026 – 5:00 PM  
Meeting of the Vestry  
The Church of the Holy Faith**

**MINUTES – DRAFT (from Zoom recording)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Robin Dodge, Steven Shore, Jacki Walker, Paula Price, Preston Stone, Kelly Enos, George Case, Michael Smith (virtual).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Jones, Rebecca Tobey

GUESTS: Fr. Simon Carian, Charles Rountree

- **Call to Order**

Fr. Robin called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and led the Vestry in prayer.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Jacki moved, and George seconded acceptance of the agenda. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Disposition of February 2026 Vestry Meeting minutes.**

Paula moved, and Jacki seconded acceptance of the agenda. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Bible Study**

Fr. Simon led the Vestry in Bible study.

- **Treasurer’s Report – Charles Rountree**

February 2026 closed with an adjusted deficit of \$(4,290). Pledge, plate, and dedicated giving are \$22K less than anticipated but for the year-to-date, overall contributions exceed expectations by just over \$18K. Netted with expenses, the year-to-date reports a modestly adjusted surplus of \$4,948. The timing of payments in January and February, specifically electricity, health insurance, and pensions, have skewed expenses for both months but for the two months combined, overall expenses are well in line.

We continue to focus on security, maintenance, and printing costs in an effort to reduce expenses. We’ve seen a decrease in printing costs due to printing in black-and-white whenever possible.

The February 2026 Fair Share support for the Diocese is \$12,552 reflecting January 2026 contributions and other sources of funding. Please note that Fair Share was applied to prepaid pledges when the funds were received in November and December.

Available cash at month-end is \$410,442. The CD held at Sunflower was closed early in January. The funds were then used to purchase a CD at Century Bank earning 4% annually. The CD will mature in April. Both the Women’s Guild and the Mission & Outreach Grants Committee will disburse funds in March: this will include \$38k from their respective portions of the Scheffler Endowment. These funds will be reimbursed to the operating account at mid-year.

The reconciled cash balances at month-end compared to previous years:

	<u>@1/1/24</u>	<u>@1/1/25</u>	<u>@1/1/2026</u>	<u>2/28/2026</u>
• Century Bank	174,682	61,860	315,973	265,483
• First Citizens MM	191,035	41,172		
• First Citizens CD				
• Sunflower Checking	\$ 2,500	2,520	2,520	
• Sunflower MM	\$138,405			
• <u>Sunflower CD</u>			<u>141,919</u>	<u>144,959</u>
	<u>\$506,622</u>	<u>403,405</u>	<u>460,412</u>	<u>410,442</u>

Below are the Northern Trust balances comparing the current month to previous years:

	<u>@1/1/24</u>	<u>@1/1/25</u>	<u>@1/1/2026</u>	<u>2/28//2026</u>
• Article VI	\$ 9,155,543	9,297,097	10,515,531	10,718,848
• Article VII	\$ 551,798	1,268,457	1,552,695	1,577,104
	<hr/> \$ 9,707,341	10,565,554	12,068,226	12,857,683

*The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.*

Scheffler Fund Report

Fr. Robin reported on the library's proposed budget.

*The Vestry accepted the library's proposed budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.*

Fr. Robin reported on the Mission & Outreach Grants committee proposed disbursements.

*The Vestry accepted the Mission & Outreach Grants committee disbursements as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.*

Fr. Robin reported on the Women's Guild's proposed allocations.

*The Vestry accepted the Women's Guild allocations as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.*

• **Junior Warden's Report – Preston Stone**

Preston reported a lot of work has been accomplished around the outside of the church – the wrought iron railings, benches and retaining wall have been sanded and repainted. Several windows and benches in the garden have been cleaned and re-done. The heaters have all been removed from the church.

Preston updated the Vestry on the shed project reporting that the Tuff Shed people were on leave for three weeks and so no forward progress was made; however, they are back now and work can move forward.

Preston stated that due to restrictions regarding safety zones, there is not enough space to create a playground on the side of Palen Hall.

• **Senior Warden's Report – Jacki Walker**

Jacki stated it is getting more difficult to find sufficient volunteers in several ministries – most notably the ushers, hospitality and altar guild. Jacki has been researching online how other churches deal with this situation.

She reported that we will receive a tapestry this summer that was supposed to go to a church that has now been de-consecrated. This could help with sound absorption to reduce the acoustic problems in the Guild Room and Palen Hall. She proposes also looking into devices that can help with the acoustic problem.

• **Rector's Report – Fr Robin Dodge**

Fr. Robin noted that Holy Week starts this Sunday, and he encouraged the Vestry to participate in as many worship opportunities as possible. Bishop Hunn will be present on Palm Sunday for the ecumenical blessing of the palms at the Santa Fe Plaza. Fr. Robin said he received a voicemail from a reporter for the Santa Fe New Mexican who wanted to talk to Robin about the importance of Holy Week and Easter. We should anticipate a photographer being present on Palm Sunday.

• **Associate Rector's Report – Fr Simon Carian**

Fr. Simon reported that the Mission & Outreach committee is deciding whether to participate in the Juarez house building in September. Funds still are short; there are many differing opinions as to whether this is the right time to support this ministry. The fundraising for this project is on hold at this point. After Easter the committee will engage in discussion about continuing this year.

• **Other Business**

George Case raised a question that a member of the parish posed to him. What donations go to Fair Share and what donations stay with the parish budget? George asked whether a person could give money to Holy Faith but not have it go to the Diocese. Charles responded by stating that our Fair Share contribution is calculated monthly and

is a percentage of our contributions for that month. Donations that are excluded from that calculation for the Diocese include contributions specifically dedicated to a program, i.e. flowers, Juarez house building, the endowment, etc.

Michael Smith gave a report from the sub-committee researching the purchase of a Rectory. The committee has been refining the specific need – a 4-bedroom house with 3 bathrooms and of sufficient size that it could be a place to host parish events. A preliminary budget for this purchase is \$1M to \$1.5M. George Case has been reaching out to other churches and received feedback that some pastors do not want to live in a parish-owned home; they would prefer having their own home. If Holy Faith owned a home and a potential new rector did not want live in that house, the church owned property could be a potential rental property.

Financing for such a purchase could be through contributions, or a Capital Campaign, or a simple donation of property from a parishioner.

There being no further business, Preston moved, and Paula seconded adjourning the meeting. *Carried unanimously.*

The vestry meeting concluded with prayer and adjourned at 6:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Pam Jones*